

PDA Hosting Ministry Basics

Goals of Hosting Ministry

- Empower churches and faith-based organizations to serve as volunteer host sites
- Consult with host sites during the preparation, hosting, and decommissioning phases of their ministry
- Provide a safe and clean environment for volunteer work teams
- Connect with work partners who provide meaningful and safe work for volunteers
- Equip and support Host Site Coordinators in their ministry

Host Site Criteria

- Support from session, congregation, and pastor
- Work partner
- Shower, kitchen, and sleeping facilities
- Typically, one host site per presbytery
- Meeting unmet needs in the community
- LTRG involvement
- Minimum 2-year commitment
- Identified Host Site Coordinator

Initial Deployment

- Do not promise anything!
 - Grant money
 - Ability to be a PDA Host Site
 - A follow-up hosting deployment
- If asked questions on an initial deployment, defer to the hosting ministry team member on your deployment.
 - If there isn't one – contact Nell Herring (staff) or Lynette Williams (chair)

Hosting Deployments

- Evaluate host site (and/or sites) for hosting capabilities
- Connect with potential work partnerships
- Identify connections with LTRGs
- Identify facility needs and educate congregation on pre-opening procedures

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